

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments made to the claims and for the remarks made herein.

Claims 1-14 are pending and stand rejected.

Claims 1, 5, 7, and 8 have been amended. Claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled.

Claim 1 is the single independent claim.

The Drawings are objected-to for not including references mentioned in the specification. Claims 5, 7 and 8 are objected to for including informalities. Claim 5 is objected to as claim 5 is substantially a duplicate of claim 12.

This matter is an Ex parte Quayle action as the application is in condition for allowance expect for formal matters.

Claims 1-4, 6 and 9-14 are allowed.

Claims 5, 7, and 8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection sets forth in the Office Action.

The Drawings are objected-to for not illustrating the subject matter recited in claims 7 and 13.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with and explicitly traverses the objection to the drawings as the drawings are required to be furnished where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented (see 37 CFR 1.37). In this case, one skilled in the art would understand, and appreciate, that mirrors have an absorbing layer on their non-viewing surface as is described in written description on page 4, lines 32-35 and generally known in the art. Figure 4 further discloses the absorbing layer comprising the absorbing layer on the back of mirror surface 2 and polarizing layer 30 (see page 5, lines 21-25 and Figure 4).

Accordingly, applicant believes that there is sufficient information in the written description and the in the drawings to teach one to practice the invention claimed.

Claims 5, 7 and 8 are objected to for including informalities.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his observation and has amended the aforementioned claims to present the subject matter claimed in better form.

With regard to the subject matter recited in claim 7, applicant submits that claim 7 teaches the invention as illustrated in Figure 4 and that the absorbing layer comprises sub-layers absorbing light of the first kind of polarization and absorbing light of the second kind of polarization (element 30).

Claim 5 has been objected-to for being a duplicate of claim 12.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his observation and has elected to cancel claim 12 to remove the duplication of the subject matter claimed.

Applicant submits that for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-4, 6 and 9-14 and for the amendments made to claims 5, 7, and 8, all the claims are in an allowable form and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

Should the Examiner believe that the disposition of any issues arising from this response may be best resolved by a telephone call, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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